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OFFICER DEATHS

ABC News: Alabama police officer fatally shot; suspect faces capital murder charge

Officer Sean Tuder of the Mobile Police Department was killed in the line of duty while executing an arrest warrant late Sunday afternoon, according to Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall. The suspect, Marco Perez, 19, was wanted for allegedly faking his own kidnapping earlier this month to avoid possible jail time.

MAJOR EVENTS

Daily Mail: Rio de Janeiro will deploy facial recognition cameras during its famed carnival to tackle crime, police chief claims

This year's Rio de Janeiro's carnival will feature a new addition when it kicks off on March 2 - facial recognition. Last year's Carnival was marred by numerous crimes in tourist areas. Shortly after that Carnival, former president Michel Temer signed a decree controversially putting Rio's security forces under military control until the end of the year. With new anti-crime president Jair Bolsonaro installed January 1 and ally Wilson Witzel taking over as Rio's governor, local authorities are poised to take a hard line on crime. Mr. Witzel has evoked using police snipers to kill armed suspects, even if they are not directly threatening anyone with their weapon.

COURT CASES

Reuters: Supreme Court to hear biggest gun rights case since 2010

The conservative-majority U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday took up its biggest gun rights case in nearly a decade, agreeing to hear a challenge backed by the influential National Rifle Association lobby group to New York City's strict limits on handgun owners transporting their firearms outside of the home.

TERRORISM

NBC-WHEC: Four charged with having explosives, plotting to attack Muslim community

Four suspects have been arrested and charged after Greece, NY police say they planned to attack a Muslim community near Binghamton. According to court paperwork, the suspects are accused of having multiple IEDs in the shape of medium to large-sized cylinders and mason jars wrapped in duct tape. Police Chief Patrick Phelan said during lunchtime on Friday, a 16-year-old suspect showed a picture of another student to a group of kids and said: "He looks like a school shooter, doesn't he." Phelan said one of the students in the group told an adult right away, and while there was never a threat against any Greece school, police say through the investigation, they uncovered the plot that the three men and one teen had to harm a Muslim community.

Seattle Times: Police investigate threatening phone calls made to at least three child care centers in Edmonds (WA)

Police in Edmonds say they are trying to determine the identity of a man who called and made violent threats to multiple child-care facilities in the area on Monday afternoon. Using a disguised number, the man made contact with at least three different facilities to say he was "going to come and shoot the kids, among other horrific acts," said Sgt. Josh McClure with the Edmonds Police Department.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

Washington Post: Some U.S. police departments dump body-camera programs amid high costs

In recent years, politicians and community activists seized on police body cameras as a way to restore public trust. But although the cameras were widely adopted, many departments - especially in smaller jurisdictions - are now dropping or delaying their programs, finding it too expensive to store and manage the thousands of hours of footage.

OFFICER HEROES

The Mercury News: Yosemite video: CHP helicopter rescues two trapped British hikers

The California Highway Patrol has released a video of one of its helicopter crews performing a dramatic rescue of two British hikers who were stranded on the edge of a massive granite cliff overlooking Yosemite Valley as a major snow storm was nearing.

TRAINING

The Post and Courier: How Charleston police are using gender identity training to serve the LGBTQ community

A Charleston Police Department program that launched late last year to better equip officers to serve members of the LGBTQ community is showing early signs of promise. Coming on the

heels of a violent attack by a civilian against a transgender woman on Ann Street in August, those involved in the program say the department is leading the way toward more inclusive, community-oriented policing in South Carolina.

BALTIMORE

Baltimore Sun: As Baltimore's acting police chief, Michael Harrison will face litany of problems to solve

New Orleans Police Superintendent Michael Harrison hasn't started his new job as Baltimore's top cop, but city officials aren't wasting any time in preparing him for it. "We are flooding him with information, not quite non-stop," City Solicitor Andre Davis said. That's because when Harrison, 49, assumes the position of acting commissioner on Feb. 11, he will confront a number of immediate challenges.

The Virginian-Pilot: Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office to provide free meals for federal workers

The Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office will provide free meals to federal workers and their families impacted by the ongoing government shutdown.

NBC-WTHR: 'Traveling Bandit' bank robber wanted by FBI

The FBI is on the hunt for a man they say robbed seven banks in a half dozen states over the last three weeks. The thief, nicknamed the "Traveling Bandit" started his crime spree in South Florida in December 2018 before moving on to rob banks in North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois and Utah.

POLICE EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

My Central Jersey: North Plainfield police chief joins race after Sheriff Frank Provenzano declines to run for re-election (NJ)

Borough Police Chief William Parenti has announced he is running for Somerset County sheriff after longtime Sheriff Frank Provenzano said he would not seek election for a seventh

term. Parenti is the third candidate to enter the race. Former Sheriff's Officer Tim Pino is also seeking the Republican nomination while former Bridgewater Police Officer Arthur Akins has already announced his bid for the Democratic nomination.

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